

SECRET/CONTROL

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TO : SAINT, Cairo  
FROM : SAINT, Vienna <sup>DD 10</sup>  
RE : Arthur PIER

1. The above mentioned is known here as the head agent of the Jewish Agency in Austria. He runs a complete courier service into Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania for the purpose of coordinating the influx of refugees of Jewish faith into the Allied Zones and also to perform all intelligence missions demanded by Jewish Agency.

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2. We understand that the above mentioned has been working during this war for SIME. Could it be possible to discreetly approach this organization for all pertinent data on his activities for same and give us as much as possible background material on his previous career. We would like to emphasize that PIER is a possible source of intelligence for us and we would like to know more about his previous experience ~~for~~ before committing ourselves further.

3. The following are biographical data which we have been able to collect about him. They are not necessarily authentic as PIER is working here without the knowledge of the British that he is in charge of intelligence for the Jewish Agency: born in Vienna on 15 February 1921, of (fnu) PIER and (fnu) WIZNIZER. He claims to be Austrian, (is actually Palestinian). He has an Austrian identity card No. D 136878/46, given him by the Vienna Police Presidium on 19 March 1946. He claims to be the correspondent for the "Hatzofeh", newspaper in Tel-Aviv, of which he has the Palestinian press card No. 36, given him in Tel-Aviv on 18 February 1946 and expiring on 18 August 1946. He also claims to be the correspondent for the "Palcor" (Palestinian Telegraphic Agency) for Austria, Germany and the Middle European countries.

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